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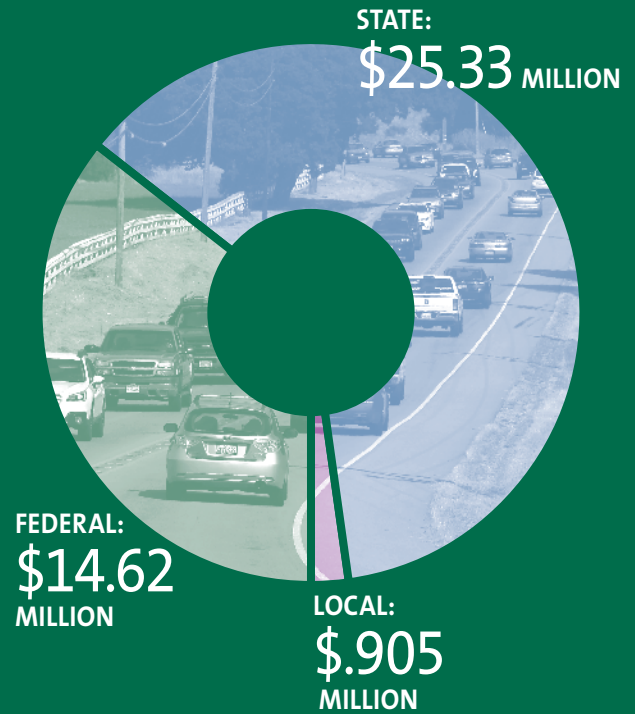
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TAMC FACTS

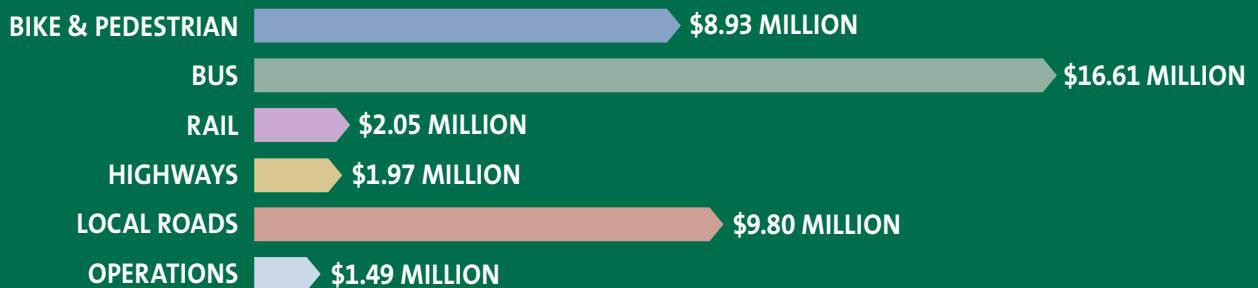
Whether you are a local resident, business owner, employer or visitor, you depend upon us, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) to make our community better and safer by planning, funding and delivering transportation projects for Monterey County. We are a small regional agency overseen by a 23-member Board of Directors which includes each of the five county supervisors, a representative from each of Monterey County's 12 cities, and non-voting representatives from six public agencies, including Caltrans and the City of Watsonville. The composition of the Board ensures that every community has a voice and representation.

Collectively, our goal is to improve safety, relieve traffic congestion, and facilitate the movement of people and commerce to improve quality of life in Monterey County. Our projects vary in size and scope, ranging from a large highway or rail project to a small neighborhood sidewalk or bike trail. 🚧

TAMC Revenue 2016



TAMC Expenditures 2016



TOTAL \$40.86 MILLION (excluding money provided directly to Caltrans, local cities and Monterey County)

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & INVESTMENT PLAN

Thank you for your vote of support, Monterey County!

Your vote to invest in your community by approving a 3/8% sales tax, dedicated to improving Monterey County’s transportation network, has elevated Monterey County to self-help status. Being a self-help County will enable us to leverage state and federal matching funds to enhance our ability to fix our roads and improve safety, access and mobility for all who live, work and visit our beautiful county. These funds are even more critical as we face the challenges presented by the damage caused by storms this winter season.

The sales tax goes into effect on April 1, 2017, and it is expected to raise an estimated \$20 million annually, for \$600 million over 30 years. 60% of the funds will be distributed to local cities and the county for road maintenance

and safety projects. The remaining 40% will be used for regional mobility and safety improvements.

The Transportation Safety & Investment Plan is a fair, balanced and equitable plan designed to meet our local and regional needs. The chart on the next page illustrates the funding share dedicated to local road and safety repair, regional road safety projects and mobility.

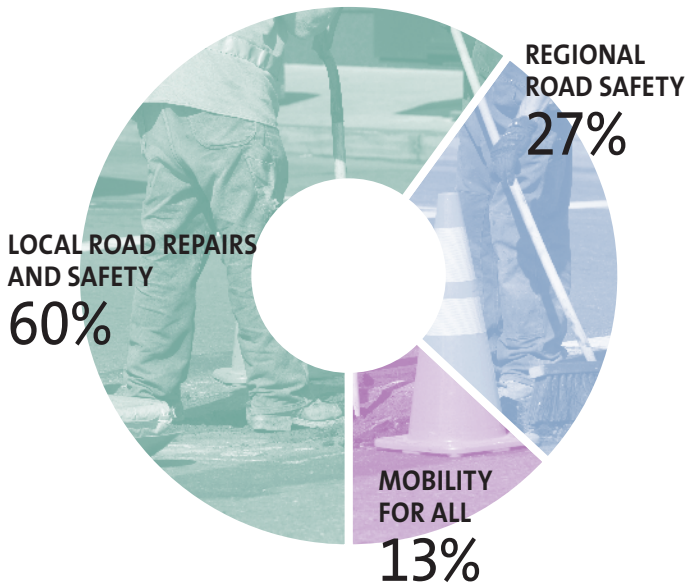
The Plan was developed with the help of 40 community members. The projects identified on page 4 will be funded through the measure; and now that we are a self-help county, we will be able to leverage funding for the regional safety, mobility and walkability projects in the Investment Plan.



Measure X for eXcellent Transportation

Before any of the projects in the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan are built, there are a number of policies and procedures that must be put into place to ensure that funds are utilized in the manner intended by the voters. These policies include agreements with the Board of Equalization and each of the cities and the County. While the sales tax will go into effect in April, the first revenue from the tax will not return back to us until late summer. As you might expect, the revenue will trickle in and build over time. Based upon the timeline below, we are optimistic that some of the smaller projects, such as those identified by your local community, can begin construction in the fall of 2017. **To learn more about the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, visit: <http://bit.ly/2nfu2Ry>.**

Balanced Plan



Keep Monterey County Moving

Transportation Safety & Investment Plan

\$600 MILLION – 3/8% OVER 30 YEARS

Local Road Maintenance, Pothole Repairs & Safety

PROJECT	\$ IN MILLIONS
Local road and street maintenance, including farm roads; identified by each city and the county	\$360

Regional Safety, Mobility & Walkability Projects

PROJECT	\$ IN MILLIONS
Highway 68 – Safety & Traffic Flow <i>Salinas to Monterey</i>	\$50
US 101 – Safety Improvements, South County	\$30
State Route 156 – Safety Improvements <i>Castroville Boulevard Interchange</i>	\$30
Imjin – Safety & Traffic Improvements <i>Multimodal Corridor Improvements</i>	\$20
Highway 1 – Rapid Bus Corridor	\$15
Holman Highway 68 – Safety & Traffic Flow <i>Monterey to Pacific Grove</i>	\$10
Habitat Preservation/Advance Mitigation <i>Habitat Plan and Advance Right-of-way for Projects</i>	\$5
Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway – paved pathway	\$20
Safe Routes to Schools	\$20
Senior & Disabled Transportation	\$15
Commuter Bus, Salinas Valley Transit Center(s) & Vanpools	\$25

Measure X Implementation Timeline

2017

APRIL

- Tax levy begins
- Citizens Oversight Committee meets
- Pavement management analysis begins

JUNE – JULY

- Cities/County report 5-year expenditure plans
- Cities/County provide documents for “no bait and switch” funding of local maintenance
- Cities/County prepare early launch projects



Citizens Oversight Committee

The *Citizens Oversight Committee* was appointed by the TAMC Board of Directors on March 22, 2017. The committee will be responsible for ensuring that taxpayers' safeguards identified in the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan are met. The Committee will review independent audits, review and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the plan, review and comment on project delivery schedules, and prepare and present annual reports on the administration of the program.

Total Revenue
\$600 MILLION

ORGANIZATION / INTEREST GROUP	REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED
League of Women Voters	Janet Brennan
Salinas Valley Taxpayers Association	Kevin Dayton
Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association	Tom Rowley
Community Voice for Aging	Kalah Bumba
Sierra Club, Ventana Chapter	Scott Waltz
Monterey Peninsula Hospitality Association	Barbara Meister
Bicycling Advocate	Victoria Beach
Building Healthy Communities	Cesar Lara
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council	Rod Smalley
Central Coast Builders Exchange	Christie Cromeenes
Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce	John Haupt
Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	Dan Limesand
Agriculture	Norm Groot
Education	Joshua Jorn
Southern Monterey County Rural Coalition	Paula Getzelman
Salinas LULAC Council #2055	Chris Barrera
North County	Ron Rader
Pedestrian Advocate	To be determined
Youth/College Student	Anthony Tomas Rocha
Construction	Sean Hebard



SEPTEMBER

- 1st quarter payments to Cities/County
- Draft 5-year eXcellent Transportation Project Priority Plan

OCTOBER

- Early launch projects begin construction

The Road to eXcellent Transportation



HOLMAN HIGHWAY ROUNDBOUT

Holman Highway 68 Roundabout Project

The *Holman Highway 68 Roundabout Project* is a landmark highway-to-highway roundabout that will relieve traffic congestion and improve safety near the Highway 68/Highway 1 intersection at the Pebble Beach gate. This project is designed to improve access to the Community Hospital for the Monterey Peninsula, Pacific Grove, Monterey and Pebble Beach. It is a public-private partnership between the City of Monterey, City of Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach Company, TAMC, the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Monterey County, and Caltrans. Construction on the roundabout began after Car Week 2016 and is expected to open to the public later this year. **To see the real-time progress on the project, view the live camera feed on our website, <http://bit.ly/2nl7yjM>.**

SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan

TAMC secured funding from Caltrans to help evaluate how to improve traffic flow and safety on our primary commute corridor: Highway 68. Our Agency launched the *SR 68 Scenic Highway Plan Study* with a large community workshop in 2016. Staff and consultants are evaluating current and future travel patterns between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, looking into affordable projects that will make safety, operational and capacity improvements in the SR 68 corridor, as well as improve crossings for wildlife. Given that the SR 68 corridor is the top regional project in the Transportation Safety & Investment Plan, this study is an important tool for helping TAMC prioritize project elements and to leverage state and federal matching funds to stretch our local dollars to build as many improvements as we can. **For more information, or to take part in the interactive virtual workshop, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2mA3mxR>.**

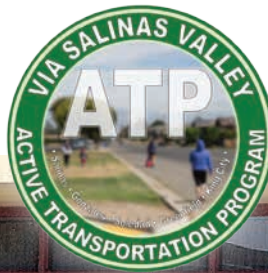




Via Salinas Valley

Via Salinas Valley: Pathways to Health through Active Transportation is a collaborative regional effort to improve health, access and safety in the Salinas Valley. TAMC partnered with the Monterey County Health Department to secure a \$4.6 million state Active Transportation Program grant to fund this project. Via Salinas Valley combines educational programs with capital projects such as sidewalks, safer crossings, bike lanes and paths to community destinations such as parks, schools and community centers in the five Salinas Valley cities: Salinas, Greenfield, Gonzales, King City and Soledad.

The construction projects are in various stages in each of the cities and all are expected to be completed by the summer of 2017. **To learn more about the Active Transportation Plan, visit: <http://bit.ly/2nwgzHe>.**

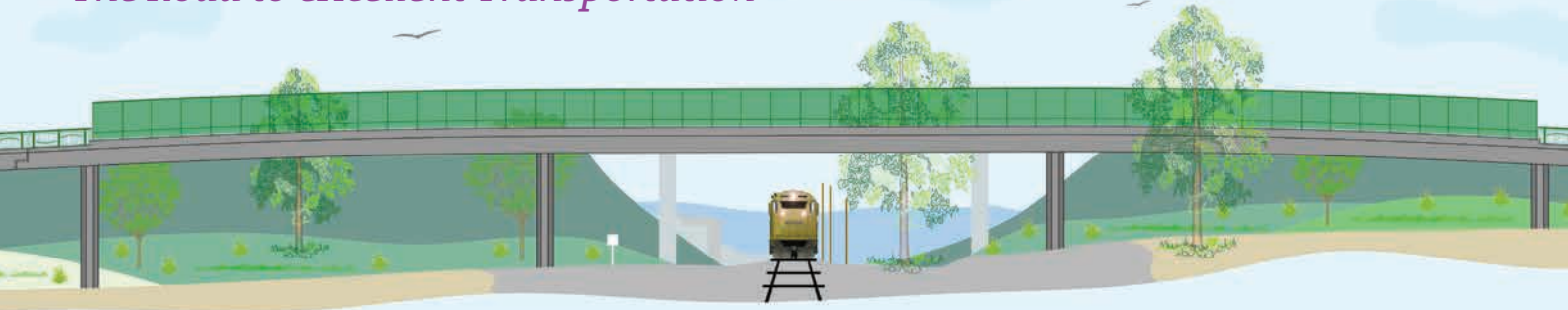


Highway 156 Improvements

Our agency initiated an in-depth study to evaluate whether drivers are willing to pay a toll to drive on a new four-lane “Monterey Expressway” to avoid heavy traffic on Highway 156. Significant additional revenue beyond what is traditionally available is needed to build a four-lane expressway parallel to the existing Highway 156 and a safer new interchange at U.S. 101. The current two-lane highway will remain untolled, and be available to the local community. The Measure X plan guarantees that regardless of whether a tollway is constructed a new, safer interchange at Castroville Boulevard and Highway 156 will be constructed. **To learn more about Highway 156, visit: <http://bit.ly/2nwgXpa>.**



The Road to eXcellent Transportation



Castroville Bicycle/Pedestrian and Railroad Crossing Project

The groundbreaking ceremony for the *Castroville Bicycle/Pedestrian & Railroad Crossing* was held on Monday, December 12, 2016. The construction on this much needed project began on January 3, 2017 and is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

The project will construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge crossing over the railroad tracks and a new path parallel to Highway 156. Students will have a much safer route from downtown Castroville to Elkhorn Elementary School and North Monterey County High School. The project also links to the regional Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail via the Castroville path parallel to Highway 1. **To learn more about the project, visit the TAMC website at: <http://bit.ly/2nQJ1Vt>.**



Salinas Rail Extension: Kick Start Project

Significant progress continues to be made on the exciting *Salinas Rail Extension: Kick Start Project*, which will revitalize downtown Salinas and bring new rail service to connect Salinas and the Bay Area. This project is at the forefront of a revitalizing effort that will greatly enhance mobility throughout the county by transforming an underutilized corner of downtown Salinas into a thriving rail and bus station that improves travel to the Silicon Valley.

Lincoln Avenue will be extended across Market Street to provide safer, signalized access for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists to the train station. This road extension will better connect the historic train district to downtown.

TAMC is in the process of acquiring land around the Salinas station in preparation for construction of the track, road, and parking improvements. **To learn more about the Kick Start Project and see the project designs, visit the TAMC website at: <http://bit.ly/2nftOd3>.**



WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SKATEBOARD RACKS

Bicycle Secure Program

The *Bicycle Secure Program* continues TAMC's goal to improve the health of our residents by promoting active transportation, such as bicycling and walking. This year, we will be installing another round of bicycle and skateboard racks, lockers and other storage facilities throughout the county, so contact TAMC if you want to install bicycle parking at your business or school. **For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/2nldObr>.**




SALINAS INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER,
LINCOLN AVENUE ENTRANCE



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Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan for Monterey County

The *Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan for Monterey County* provides standard design guidelines and a network of routes along which bicycle and pedestrian signs will be installed throughout Monterey County. TAMC adopted this plan in 2016 to help those who are bicycling or walking on regional routes, such as the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, to find their way to shops, schools and tourist destinations. By promoting bicycling and walking as viable means of transportation for Monterey County residents and visitors, we are supporting our local businesses and helping people to get more healthy exercise. **For more information about the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Wayfinding Plan for Monterey County, visit at: <http://bit.ly/2nQBDt3>.** 

WAYFINDING SIGN DESIGNS



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